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Chapter Notes

Well...March weather wasn't any better for riding and outdoor activities, unless you are like skiing. Cool and wet were still the rule. But Spring is officially here, and it's time to get on those horses. John Young's 7 Games day is an opportunity to do a little training.

Get out on the trails and get those horses and mules in shape!

Happy Trails

CALENDAR		
Sat, 3 Apr	Training Ride – Becky 861-1025 San Lorenzo Canyon area	9:00 AM
Sat, 10 Apr	John Young's 7-Games Day Kiva RV Park – Reservations required. Auditors welcome	9:00 AM
Thur, 15 Apr	April Monthly Business Meeting Joint meeting with Socorro Chapter at Kiva RV Park Potluck before the meeting	6:00 PM
Sun, 25 Apr	Work Project – Priest Canyon - JoAnn 864-1254 Mountaineer Ranger District	10 AM

Meeting Date and Location Reminder

Don't forget about our change in date and location for the meetings. By popular demand, our meeting dates have been changed to the **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**. The next meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, 15 April, at Kiva RV Park and will be a joint meeting with the Socorro Chapter. Come early (6 PM) for a potluck. Meeting starts at 7:15 PM

Directions: Head South on I-25 toward Socorro, Take Exit 175. The RV Park is just off I-25 on the west side of the highway.

April Training Ride – Saturday, 3 April

Becky will take us on the ride in the Lorenzo Canyon area that got weathered out. Rendezvous at 9 AM at the pull off just south of the Rest Stop on I-25

Date: Saturday, 3 Apr 2010 – Ride starts about 10:00 A.M.

Training Ride Trail Boss: RSVP to Becky - 505-861-1025

Rendezvous: 9:00 AM at the pull off on I-25 just south of the rest stops near mile marker 165.

Weather Go/no-go: If weather seems questionable, call Becky after 6 p.m. Friday, 2 April

Directions: Take I-25 to the San Acacia exit (Exit 162), cross over the interstate and head south on the service road for about two miles. Take the underpass heading west and then take the dirt road that crosses the cattle guard. Call Becky for the tack up location.

John Young's 7-Games

John Young – member of the Socorro Chapter and an associate member of our chapter – is putting on a 7-Games clinic at the Kiva RV Park. It's a great way to make a better connection with your horse. There is room for 10 participants with horses, although there is plenty of room for auditors, so all are welcome. Participants need to bring a carrot stick, a 20 foot lead line – and, of course, a horse. Be ready to go at 9 AM. Clinic is about 4 hours. Call John (363-4913) to reserve a spot. Bring a lunch if you want. ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT AS OF 1 APRIL!

April Work Project

Our regular spring clean-up work project on the Priest Canyon trail canceled for weather in March has been rescheduled. Note that the date has changed to Sunday, 25 April. It's a fairly easy ride and there's always lots of "stuff" to pick up. Call JoAnn to RSVP – 864-1254.

Date: Sunday, 25 April 2010 – Ride starts about 10:00 A.M.

Training Ride Trail Boss: RSVP to JoAnn - 505-864-1254

Rendezvous: 9:00 AM at Al's MiniMart on Rt 47 in Belen. Intersection of River St and Rt 47 west of the Rio Grande.

Weather Go/no-go: If weather seems questionable, call Joann after 6 p.m. Saturday, 24 April.

Directions: Get to US Route 60 heading toward Mountainaire. After going through the pass in the mountains, look for a rest stop on the left. The turn off for Forest Rd 422 is just past the rest stop. Turn North on FS 422, and go about 7 miles to a pull off on the left.

2010 Rendezvous Scheduled

The 2010 BCHNM Rendezvous is scheduled for 27-29 August at the BLM area around Ft Stanton. Ft Stanton is just east of Capitan, with lots of open space and great riding. Put it on your calendar. More details to follow.

Country Supply Connection

Don't forget our partnership with Country Supply and the rebate that goes to the Chapter. Go to <http://www.countrysupply.com> and order as usual. When you check out, there is a box to enter our "Country Care" code - "mrgbchnm." Enter the code and the Chapter gets a contribution.



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